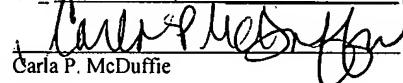


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Please enter the following changes in the above-referenced application in response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2006:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on 7 of this paper.**Remarks/Conclusion** begins on page 10 of this paper.An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.